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Prolife Council of Connecticut **OPPOSES HB 5898**

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Dear Members of the Public Health Committee:

**Bill H.B. 5898 AN ACT CONCERNING END OF LIFE CARE**, phrase is camouflaged by what is really going on here, and it is NOT END OF LIFE CARE, it is Assisted Suicide. It would legalize the act of a physician dispensing & prescribing drugs to bring about their patient's death (over 18 years old; who may die within a 6 month period).

Please note that NO TRAINED personnel is required to be PRESENT at the time the lethal drugs are consumed. There is NO SUPERVISION of the suicide pills in the home where children may reside.

Patients suffering from severe mental depression are NOT REQUIRED to have counseling or to have a psychiatric analysis.

Elder abuse is a major health issue here in the USA. Allowing abusers, inheritors of the patient's estate, access to these lethal Suicide Pills is dangerous.

Additionally, legalizing assisted suicide is the first step for Insurance Companies to deny any additional lifesaving treatment. It cheaper to prescribe lethal drugs.

If you legalize euthanasia in Connecticut, no one will be safe. Every person will be at risk from adults suffering from Alzheimers, severe mental depression to infants born with mental or physical disabilities.

**Connecticut should be implementing REAL quality 'END OF LIFE CARE' especially for pain management. Physicians should be making sure that their patients are legally protected and receiving lifesaving treatment in comfort instead of exterminating them.**